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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 37-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 37-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 04 September 2008 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendment filed 04 September 2008 cancels claims 1-3, 8, 11-15, 17-19, 22, and 23. Claims 37-49 have been added. Applicant's amendment has been fully considered and entered.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 37-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Blakley, U.S. Publication No. 2004/0128392. Referring to claims 37, 41, 45, 46, Blakley discloses single sign-

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on operations for a user at multiple domains wherein the user sends a request to an issuing domain and receives an assertion from the issuing domain (Figure 3C & [0138]), which meets the limitation of sending a first authentication request to a first server, receiving, in response to the first authentication request, an authentication assertion reference from the first server, the client is authenticated by the second server prior to obtaining the authentication assertion reference. The assertion is forwarded to a relying domain (Figures 3C & Figure 5 & [0139] & [0169]), which meets the limitation of sending, to a second server, a request to access the resource operatively connected to the second server, wherein the request comprises the authentication assertion reference. The relying domain receives credentials, that can be in certificate form, from the user and then forwards the credentials to the issuing domain (Figure 5 & [0070] & [0170]-[0171]), which meets the limitation of wherein, in response to the request, the second server sends the first server a second authentication request comprising a certificate associated with the second server. The issuing domain checks to see if the credential are maintained and passes a validation answer to the relying domain ([0171]-[0172]), which meets the limitation of wherein the first server, in response to the second authentication request, determines whether the certificate is present in a trusted partner list maintained by the first server, and wherein the first server, in response to determining whether the certificate is present in the trusted partner list, sends an authentication assertion to the second server. Based on the received assertion, the relying domain authorizes the requesting user to access ([0173]), which meets the limitation of receiving a grant of access to the resource from the second server, wherein the second server grants access to the resource based on the authentication assertion.

Referring to claims 38, 42, 49, Blakley discloses prior to sending the first server the second authentication request, the second server identifies the first server using the authentication assertion reference (Figure 5 & [0170]).

Referring to claims 39, 43, 47, Blakley discloses that the first authentication request includes login information ([0048]), which meets the limitation of sending a first authentication request to the first server comprises providing the first server with user login information.

Referring to claims 40, 44, 48, Blakley discloses the first authentication request is a Security Assertion Markup Language request in a SOAP envelope ([0092]-[0093]).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BENJAMIN E. LANIER whose telephone number is (571)272-3805. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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